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REMARKS

Claims 11-13 and 21 are pending in this application. The indication that claim 21 contains allowable subject matter is hereby noted with appreciation. Claim 21 has been amended to place it in independent form by including recitations from claim 10 and not to limit its scope. Accordingly, claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11-13 have been amended to depend from claim 21. Claims 1-9 and 14-20 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendments to the claims do not introduce any new matter.

The rejection of claims 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0139523 to Nakamura et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,748,168 to Kawakami et al. has been overcome the cancellation of claim 10 and the amendment to claims 11-13 to now depend from claim 21. Claim 21 was not subject to this rejection.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21713-00035-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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